

REMARKS

I. Support for Amendments

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, the present amended claim set either cancels rejected claims or amends rejected claims to present them in better form to place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, the new claim set amends claims 24, 26, 28, 29 and 30, cancels claims 25 and 27 and adds new claims 37 to 40. Amended claim 24 recites the limitations of claims 25 and 27. Claims 26, 28, 29 and 30 are amended to correct their claim dependency. New claims 37 to 40 are added to secure the subject matter of the claims approved by the Examiner; claim 37 includes the subject matter of previous claims 24, 25 and 29; claim 38 includes the subject matter of previous claims 24 and 31; and claims 39 and 40 include the subject matter of claims 32 and 33, but now dependent from new claim 38. Support for the new and amended claims can be found throughout the Specification. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these amendments and entry therefore is respectfully requested.

I. Summary of Rejection of Claims 24-26 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Final Office Action of September 13, 2005, claims 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allen in view of Mitzman. Allen is relied upon by the Examiner in this action for disclosing a bicycle trailer having a folding passenger compartment containing a folding seat between the floor and roof of the trailer. Mitzman is relied upon for disclosing a folding child carrier with a folding seat having a backrest supported at its upper edge by a U-shaped bracket. The bracket of Mitzman secures to the backside of the frame and projects toward the front. The Examiner asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to support the seat backrest of Allen using a U-shaped bracket, as taught by Mitzman, in order to securely support the seat.

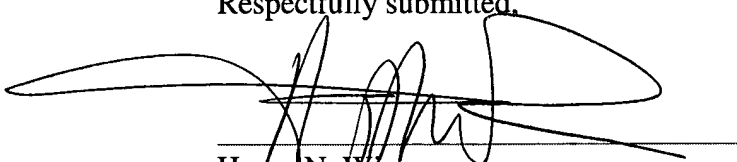
While the Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's contentions, in a sincere attempt to advance prosecution, claim 25 has been cancelled and claims 24 and 26 have been amended to recite features that are not shown in or suggested by Allen or Mitzman, individually or in combination. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, it is therefore respectfully submitted that amended claims 24 and

26, claims dependent therefrom, and added claims 37-40 which are also believed to distinguish over the art of record, are in condition for allowance.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, if the Examiner disagrees, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

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